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[PRICE \$24 PER MONTH.]

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS
February 26, EAGAN, American ship, 1,181
Barnby, Cardiff 9th October, Coats.
P. & O. S. N. Co.
February 26, MANGERTON, British bark, 380,
Thompson, Quinhou 15th Feb., Salt-Captain.
February 27, PEARL, British s.s., 704, H.
Munk, Singapore 14th February, General—MAN-HO-CHAN.
February 27, RINGO, British steamer, 606,
Walker, Swatow 26th February, General—
KUOK ACHONG.

CLEARANCES

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
FEBRUARY 27TH.
Trikon and New, French s.s. for Chefoo.
West Shantung, British s.s. for Chinkiang.
Maharajah, British steamer, for Foo-kiang.
Yesso, British steamer, for East Coast.
Francisco, Spanish steamer, for Manila.
Amarader, Neapolitan, bark, for Whampoa.
Perseus, British steamer, for Saigon.
Permanence, British steamer, for Saigon.

DEPARTURES

February 27, KUWA, British steamer, for Shanghai.
February 27, LUTTI, Span. s.s. for Manila.
February 27, RADNOSSINE, British s.s. for Swatow.
February 27, WEST STANLEY, British s.s. for Chinkiang.
February 27, ZAMBOANGA, Spanish steamer, for Haiphong.

PASSENGERS

Per Norma, s.s. from Swatow—
20 Chinese.
Per Pearl, s.s. from Singapore—
41 Chinese.
Per Mongolian, from Quinhou—
1 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per Khuwa, s.s. for Shanghai—
Mr. and Mrs. Holliday, Dr. D. B. Bookley,
R.N., and 41 Chinese.
Leopold, s.s. for Manila—
3 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
Per Malacca, s.s. for Yokohama—
The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and European servant, Mr. S. T. O'Grady, and 1 Chinese.
Per Nestor, s.s. for Singapore, &c.—
600 Chinese for Singapore and Penang.
Per Maharashtra, s.s. for Saigon—
Per Kuan-ye, s.s. for East Coast—
3 Europeans and 50 Chinese.
Per Perseus, s.s. for Saigon—
10 Chinese.
Per Permanence, s.s. for Saigon—
18 Chinese.
The following are the passengers to depart today by the P. and O. steamer *India*—
From Hongkong for Singapore—2 Chinese.
For Bombay—Messrs. Weighell and Langdale.
For Madras—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and their son, and 2 Chinese.
For Calcutta—Mr. Livermore, For Brindisi—Mr. Clapperton. For Southampton—Mrs. Wilcox and 3 children.

REPORTS

The British steamer *Norma* reports left Swatow on 25th February, had fresh N.E. winds and thick weather throughout.

The British bark *Mangerton* reports left Quinhou on 15th February, and experienced very bad weather to the Parcels; from thence to port very strong N.E. monsoon and thick weather with high seas.

The American ship *Elegans* reports left Cardiff on 9th October, and had bad weather in the Atlantic Ocean; thence fine weather to the Cape; thence to the Ormby Passage; thence to port very strong Northwesterly winds and rain.

VESSELS THAT HAVE ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.

(Per last Mail's Advice.)
Priam (s.s.) China Ports... Jan 13
Beauty (s.s.) China Ports... Jan 13
Scorpio (s.s.) Shanghai... Jan 13
Glimmer (s.s.) Shanghai... Jan 13
Vessels Expected at Hongkong... Jan 13
North Star (s.s.) Baltimore... July 2
Tiger (s.s.) Naples... July 17
North Star (s.s.) Cardiff... Aug. 11
Regulus (s.s.) Cardiff... Aug. 12
Vesper (s.s.) Hamburg... Aug. 12
Astraea (s.s.) Hamburg... Aug. 13
P. J. Carlson (s.s.) Liverpool... Aug. 13
Maria Ravane (s.s.) Penarth... Sept. 25
Forest Belle (s.s.) Cardiff... Oct. 3
Waga (s.s.) Cardiff... Oct. 18
Oscar (s.s.) Hamburg... Oct. 23
Anna Bertha (s.s.) Hamburg... Oct. 23
Rheinda (s.s.) San Francisco Oct. 23
Johann Smith (s.s.) Hamburg... Nov. 3
Elizabeth Ostie (s.s.) Antwerp... Nov. 3
Jettie (s.s.) Penarth... Nov. 20
Minna (s.s.) Falmouth... Nov. 26
Nourmored (s.s.) London... Nov. 29
Moray (s.s.) Glasgow... Nov. 29
Glenaber (s.s.) Fushing... Dec. 3
Jewina (s.s.) London... Dec. 3
Ote (s.s.) Hamburg... Dec. 3
Sir Harry Parkes (s.s.) London... Dec. 13
Sedan (s.s.) Cardiff... Dec. 13
Ulysses (s.s.) Liverpool... Jan 8
Kronos (s.s.) Penarth... Jan 8
R. T. Fuller (s.s.) Bombay... Dec. 25
Elizabeth Childs (s.s.) Sunderland... Jan 11
Prince Frederick Carl (s.s.) London... Jan 11
Hylton Castle (s.s.) Glasgow... Jan 12
Elviro (s.s.) London... Jan 13

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY

J. M. A. B. M. S. T. R. O. N. G.
At noon.
Sundry Goods.

PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

FROM the date until further notice, a discount of Two-thirds per cent. on the Current Local Rates of Premium will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1872. [32]

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG

THE Underwriters, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks against Fire, Current Rates, subject to a Bonus of two per cent.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1872. [33]

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE
POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by them, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

DOUGLASS LAPRAIK & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1873. [33]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE
M. WILLIAM MAINTAILL REEVES
becomes a PARTNER in my Firm on the 1st January, 1878. The Style of the Firm will henceforward be "FAIRHURST, REEVES & Co."

THOS. FAIRHURST.

Foochow, 18th February, 1878. [1m37]

R. H. F. MEYERBECK has been admitted

as a PARTNER in our Firm from this date.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1878. [3m74]

NOTICE

I HAVE This day established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & CO. who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALIAN STREAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1877. [84]

NOTICE

M. H. HOLATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1878. [1m24]

NOTICE

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of M. H. HOLATIO GAY JAMES was assumed by DOUGLASS LAPRAIK & CO. on the 31st December, 1877.

KOSS & CO.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1878. [1m38]

NOTICE

THE Undersigned have been appointed by MESSRS. FIGG, WILKINSON & LAURENCE Limited, Gunpowder Manufacturers of Dartford and Dart, their Sole AGENTS in HONGKONG and CHINA.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1878. [2m20]

NOTICE

I HAVE This day established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm of WILLIAM DUNPHY & CO. ENGINEERS and BOILERMAKERS.

WILLIAM DUNPHY & CO.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1877. [6m810]

NOTICE

M. THOMAS ISAAC ROUSE was appointed to conduct the BUSINESS of THE BOURNE COMPANY, LIMITED, at HONGKONG and to SIGN for PROSECUTION.

JOHN HARVEY,

Managing Director.

London, 14th December, 1877. [1m362]

NOTICE

MR. GEORGE THOMAS YUILL is authorised to SIGN our Firm from this date.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1878. [1m31]

NOTICE

M. R. C. L. B. DALE BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLASS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1877. [42]

NOTICE

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DOUGLASS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1878. [2m20]

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Hongkong, 20th January, 1878. [1m34]

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Hongkong, 19th January, 1878. [1m34]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1878. [1m34]

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1878. [1m34]

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1878. [1m34]

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DOUGLASS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1878. [1m34]

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DOUGLASS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1878. [1m34]

NOTICE

THE Undersigned, having been appointed by MESSRS. FIGG, WILKINSON & LAURENCE Limited, Gunpowder Manufacturers of Dartford and Dart, their Sole AGENTS in HONGKONG and CHINA.</p

questions, I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

Mr. REED seconded.

On the motion of Mr. MANGER, seconded by Mr. MINISTER, Messrs. Hopkins and Emory, the retiring directors, were re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. COXON, the appointment of Mr. Lind to the vacant seat on the board, caused by the absence of Mr. MacIver, was confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. LINSTEAD, seconded by Mr. VANCE, Messrs. Rouse and Linstead were appointed auditors for the present year.

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, this will be the business, and I thank you for your attendance. The dividend warrants will be ready on Friday next.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders in the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Hongkong, on the 19th instant. There were present Hon. F. B. Johnson (chairman), Messrs. J. J. de Remedies, A. T. Manger, H. Nicase, W. H. Rainsford, J. Joyce, A. Lind, R. Deacon, H. L. Dalrymple, J. Murray, A. H. Chapman, G. Sharp, J. E. Jackson, R. Radcliffe, T. G. Lumsden, J. B. Hughes, M. Murray, B. P. Alford, and others.

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, the report of the company has been in your hands now for some days, and I presume it will allow me to consider it as read. The meeting, I am happy to say, so far as the general managers and our shareholders are concerned, is purely a formal one, and it is my desire to adopt the amount and pass these resolutions relating to the carrying on of the business for the ensuing year. We have to gratify the shareholders on the close of another very successful year as regards the collection of premia, and the losses have not been greater than those that appear in the report. We hope that the increased bonus which we give to our contributors will stimulate shareholders to continue their deposits in the coming year so that the profits of the company may be increased. With these few remarks I will move that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

Mr. REED seconded.

The CHAIRMAN—Before I put the resolution I shall have to have some remarks.

Not long since the resolution was put to the meeting, and it was carried.

On the motion of Mr. LINSTEAD, seconded by Mr. DEACON, the usual remuneration to the committee was voted.

On the motion of Mr. MACBEWEN, seconded by Mr. LINSTEAD, the usual remuneration to the auditors, \$150 each, was voted.

On the motion of Mr. DALRYMPLE, seconded by Mr. A. RADCLIFFE, ranking members of the Committee of Creditors, Hon. Dr. Denison, Messrs. Boamer and MacBennet were re-elected. Messrs. Jackson and Bettom were elected in place of Messrs. Manger and Nicase, who retire in consequence of intended absence.

On the motion of Mr. MACBEWEN, seconded by Mr. NICASE, Messrs. H. Smith and A. Coxon were re-elected auditors.

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, that closes the formal business of the meeting. The dividend warrants will be ready on Tuesday, 19th March.

Mr. MAYER—It has been the custom to vote a gratuity to the gentleman who has acted as secretary. I have pleasure in expressing that \$300 be voted to the gentleman who has acted in that capacity during the past year.

Mr. COXON seconded.

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At a meeting of the Committee on the 26th inst., it was resolved to adopt the system pursued last year, on the occasion of the Shantung famine, and in addition to telegraph to England and America.

In view of this we have been requested to communicate with the exports and Japan, and to entreat the assistance of the foreigners and natives there in aid of the object. Last year the appeals of the Committee were most liberally responded to in this way, and it is only the extreme necessity of the case that suggests a renewal of these appeals now.

Your name has been mentioned as representative on the full assurance that you will kindly undertake the task of placing the matter before the foreign residents and others, inviting their help in whatever way is most advisable.

The Chinese have already done much in raising contributions which they are sending North in money and food in large quantities. But the letters that have come to us from the Chinese, and the reports we have received, show that the amount is still insufficient in the way of distribution, and while some are engaged already, others are prepared to enter on it, if means are provided for the purpose.

We beg you kind co-operation in this matter, and shall be glad if you can adopt any sufficient measures or account of it. You will please remit any money that may be required, and direct to whom it is to be sent. The funds will be used in the most judicious manner, and the amount will be distributed in the way of distribution, counters were sent to all the villages to ascertain who were really destitute.

The announcement stated that those receiving grain would be required to sign an agreement to repay the grain the coming year. Those who possessed even one mow of land were thereby rendered ineligible to the bounties. The sum might have some hope of being paid to the very poor, while those who had no such prospect dared not sign such an agreement; consequently none went. It would be interesting to know if this proffered grain was Government grant. The evil deeds of this official have been so many and so bad that he has received no reward among his people; and as a matter of fact, has almost ruined his district by his injurious and oppressive acts.

Some time since, proclamations were issued forbidding the slaughter of cattle, on the ground that the officials were praying for snow. It was privately intimated to the butchers, however, that by the payment of a few hundred taels they would not be molested in the sale of their cattle. As far as I can learn, the coming season was debarred the old tides needed by this very prospect, while those who had no such prospect dared not sign such an agreement; consequently none went. It would be interesting to know if this proffered grain was Government grant. The evil deeds of this official have been so many and so bad that he has received no reward among his people; and as a matter of fact, has almost ruined his district by his injurious and oppressive acts.

A meeting was convened by the Commissioners of Customs on the 6th inst. at the Club, and the following motion was resolved—“At a meeting called at the instance of R. Ward Moorehead, Commissioner of Customs, to take measures to collect the Chinese funds for the relief of those suffering in the Neth of China, it was resolved

to open a subscription in the spot. Mr. Ward Moorehead consented to receive and forward any funds that may be subscribed. The following sums have been already subscribed for the

“Famine Relief Fund”:

J. C. Wardlaw	\$200	K. McIver	\$10
H. S. Smith	500	S. P. Powell	5
G. G. Green	200	J. W. Britton	5
R. B. Moorehead	200	N. Morris	5
Russell & Co.	100	N. D. Ollie	5
C. H. Cooke	100	C. J. Passas	25
H. Stodart	25	Malcomson & Co.	30
V. V. Brown	25	L. V. Kip	5
P. H. Watson	10	D. M. Talmage	10
H. R. Danyer	10	W. Gordon	10
P. M. Seager	10	Henry Thompson	10
Brown & Co.	10	St. J. H. Blizard	10
H. S. L.	10		

The list is still being circulated among the foreigners.

FOOCHOW.

The British brig *Maid Marian* arrived in port on the 4th instant, and we understand, reported an assault on the *Ying-tsun* on the 1st of March. The officer in command of the crew is believed to be in hospital, having received the effects of a wound on his hand and other parts of his body.

Formosa must remain a profitable investment, if we may judge by its present enhanced price. It is now selling at \$10 per ton, as compared with \$6—the ruling rate only a short time ago—but we are told that the Chinese are opposed to the development of the island as a port.

It is a singular place, but the present unusual weather is said to be causing great uneasiness in the minds of agriculturists, who, however (as in the matter of the proposed race course) show no disposition to part with their land at even more than twice its ordinary market value.

The following truthful anecdote of Chinese social life may interest our readers elsewhere. A Foochow merchant, who has been in foreign service for several years, discovered recently that he had saved enough money to indulge in the luxury of matrimony. Through 36 years of age, his choice fell on a damsels barely turned 14, and for this tender little morsel the moderate sum of \$250 was asked as a dowry. Before the event was celebrated, the young lady's mamma, with some impudent cattiness, came to demand double the sum. The latter, to make up for not being rejected, purchased his brother, who is at least 10 years younger than himself, to appear for him, and so passed master. On the wedding day the elder brother wore a false queue and carried off his prize. We are told that the little girl is already tired of married life, and "wants to go home to her mamma."

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